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IN BAND SAW MACHINE, SAW BLADE DRIVING METHOD,
AND CUTTING METHOD

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

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Sir :

This paper is in response to the outstanding Official Action dated September 19, 2008, setting a three month period for response extending until December 19, 2008. If any extension of time is necessary, this is an express request for any necessary extension of time and authorization to charge any required extension of time fee or any other fees that may be required to preserve the pendency of the present application to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Applicant respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections in view of the herein-contained amendments and remarks.

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Amendments to the Claims begin on page 7 of this response.

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